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Just the right angle for a lovely wreath is achieved by Mrs. John F. Cogan, Jr., President of the Aid Association of the Hospital, which is responsible for the warm and sparkling decor of the corridors at Christmas, and, lending a guiding hand below her, is Mrs. John Mannick. At bottom of column, three Aid Association members drape a graceful garland: l to r: Mrs. Nelson Evans, Mrs. James Bougas, Mrs. Alan Cohen.

Christmas Makes the Scene at the Medical Center

There's no mistaking it's Christmas at the BUMC when the first week of December rolls around, and for weeks thereafter.

Wreaths of green with smashing bows along the lobby corridors, twinkling trees and garlands on the patient units, offices and laboratories at School and Hospital decked out according to their occupiers' personalities . . . and plenty of party invitations in the mail. It all adds up to the h*o*!*i*d*a*y*s.

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WEEKEND TO REMEMBER

A waiting escort at Logan International Airport, a welcoming convocation, luncheons, cocktail parties, dinners, a social mixer, a guided tour of historic Boston, a football game—all this would seem to add up to a very gay pre-Thanksgiving weekend for a group of visiting celebrities.

Surely there were many gay moments. But they occurred within the framework of a very serious and significant experiment in the history of medical education. And the "celebrities" were 22 black premedical students from as many different black colleges, mainly in the South, who shared a precedent-shattering "found weekend" here on November 21-24 as guests of the Boston University School of Medicine.

Funds for the three-day meeting were raised by faculty and students of the School, as a creative expression of their accelerating concern for a much more positive encouragement to disadvantaged students to embark upon careers in medicine.

National studies have pointed up the disproportionately low number of Negroes who enter the health field. The high cost of medical education, and the long training period necessary, have contributed to a lack of interest among black young people, who are greatly needed in the field. Last summer the medical school faculty approved a resolution which called for the reservation



A beautiful young guest of the "week-end to remember." She may choose to pursue a medical career at our School of Medicine.

of a "significant number of places" for black students in the entering class of 1969 (there are at present three black students in a student body of 304); and an active and aggressive attempt was launched country-wide to inform these students that the BUSM was very much interested in receiving and considering their applications.

Admissions officers from the Harvard, Tufts, Dartmouth and University of Vermont medical schools participated in the Conference at the invitation of

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Cornerstone for the new Instructional Building, already in use, although still in the finishing touches stage, is set in place by jauntily-hatted Boston University President Arland F. Christ-Janer and a smiling Dean Franklin G. Ebaugh, Jr. The November 25th ceremony saw the placement of a steel box in the cornerstone before its sealing for the eyes of future generations. The box contained the 1968 student yearbook, the school catalog, the new curriculum, SCOPE magazine, the School seal and the Alumni Directory, along with a tape of recorded messages from trustees, administrative personnel, students and faculty of the School of Medicine.



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CHRISTMAS (Continued)

Friday, December 6th, started things off with the Annual SAMA (Student American Medical Association) Toy Dance, which has become a happy and successful tradition at the School. Faculty, students, alumni and miscellaneous friends gathered at 46 Beacon Street for the occasion, and the price of admission was, as usual, a toy festively wrapped and marked for appropriate age and sex; these to be later distributed in person by the students on the children's wards at Boston City Hospital.

Another Christmas event we share annually with our neighbors is the Worcester Square Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony, held this year on the evening of December 11th. Mayor White, the Beacon Hill Handbell Ringers, the Glee Club of the Boston City Hospital School of Nursing, community carol singing under the direction of Father James F. Degnan, Cathedral of the Holy Cross were among the highlights of the program. The BUMC Public Relations Department provided the necessary amplification system so all that gathered in the winter dusk could hear and enjoy, and William Germain, Executive Assistant to the Director of the Medical Center, attended as official ambassador.

The BUMC Holiday Party, at which all members of the Center family meet and fraternize, had a very special aura this year: its beautiful setting, a "first," was the 14th floor of the new Instructional Building. The time: 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18. The committee: Evelyn Ahearn, Mrs. Ruth Brody, Sabra Carl, Belle Cruikshank, Mrs. Ann Kay, Dr. Marshall Piecoff, the Rev. Leicester Potter, Chairman, Sheila Scully, Karen Turino and Dr. Lester S. Dewis.

As FRONT & CENTER goes to press the party is in the future, but our photographer will be there and you may look for a glimpse of yourselves or your fellow workers in the next issue.

Happy New Year!

Three winners! all quadriplegics, in the Tel Aviv Olympic wheelchair games. At left and in the center are the second and first place champions of the backstroke swimming competition, both from the United States.



Dr. David French, newly-named Project Director of the Boston University-Roxbury Comprehensive Neighborhood Health Center. Announcement of Dr. French's appointment to the Office of Economic Opportunity-funded Center was made by Dean Franklin G. Ebaugh, Jr., Dean of the School of Medicine.

**Dr. Freed to Israel
with U.S. Olympic Team**

Dr. Murray Freed, Chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine, is back home from a thrilling trip with the winning American team of this year's Olympics in Tel Aviv — the Wheelchair Olympics, that is! — whose paralyzed stars capture their gold medals and achieve their triumphs from brilliantly-manipulated wheelchairs in many sports from fencing, bowling, swimming and basketball to a wide range of field events.

The Paraplegic Olympics, inaugurated in 1950, are held every four years, usually following the site of the regular Olympic games. (Israel was selected this year because of the situation in Mexico City.) They are exciting occasions, and this year was one of the best-hosted, best-housed, and best planned-

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"PEOPLE WHO CARE"

Jim Morse, who authors a widely-read column in the Boston Herald-Traveler called Hub-Bub, devoted a good portion of his column on November 14 to three of a loyal band of long-time UH volunteers, and we quote:

People who care: Mrs. Lena Cate of Beacon Court, Roxbury, has been volunteering in the Eye Clinic of University Hospital's Out-patient Department for 10 years. Although confined to a wheelchair, Mrs. Cate visits the hospital daily, assisting patients by making appointments and keeping records for the nursing staff. This is an example of devotion, dedication and commitment.

Also expressing their loyalty to University Hospital via volunteer service are Mrs. Emily O'Hara, a retired registered nurse of East Concord street, who contributes her assistance to the Central Supply Room several times weekly (and is on call for emergency situations as they arise), and Mrs. Margaret Horne of 12 St. George St., South End, who retired in 1967 after 19 years in the Housekeeping Department and who volunteers for weekly help in the Linen Room.

These are people you rarely read or hear about, but no hospital could do without them. In fact, most hospitals in Greater Boston — and elsewhere — are in constant need of volunteers. They welcome assistance from teenagers and oldsters, be they unskilled or trained.

FRONT & CENTER salutes Jim Morse and the Herald Traveler for *their* salute to this devoted trio.

OOPS!

Photograph of our Center switchboard operators on page one of the November FRONT & CENTER was *reversed* by printer. Read right to left, instead of the usual order.





Above: Dr. Maloof and Dennis McLain, pride pitcher of the Detroit Tigers and dental patient of the distinguished and jovial dental consultant. Below: Funny man Frank Fontaine is attended by his friend and dentist Dr. Maloof.

DR. MALOOF & FRIENDS

He wears more professional hats, can boast more friendships with the great and near-great in the world of sports and theatre than FRONT & CENTER has space to set out.

He is Dr. Edward C. Maloof, Associate Professor of Preventive Dentistry at the Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry, Dental Consultant to the Town of Brookline, Boston Veterans Administration and Otis Air Force Base, Director of the Dental Health Center of Teamsters Union Local 25, Health and Welfare Fund . . . etc., etc., etc. AND, he is great friend and great dentist to such luminaries as Dennis McLain, Joe DiMaggio, Jackie Jensen, Carl Yastrzemski and Frank Fontaine. In his capacity as dental consultant to VIP's of sports, Dr. Maloof has earned the plaudits of fans as well as players, for, to mention just one example, it was "Eddie" Maloof who traced McLain's sore arm to abscessed molars in 1965, and the Tiger's pride has been a winner ever since.

Dr. Maloof is a recognized pioneer in recognizing the value of topical fluoridation, and has been cited by the American Cancer Society for his achievements in establishing life-saving, oral cancer screening clinics.

WEEKEND (Continued)

Boston University, and presented their programs to the students.

Heartening and concrete proof of our School of Medicine's eagerness to bring black students to Boston University and New England to study medicine was revealed to the weekend guests on Friday, November 3, by Dean Franklin G. Ebaugh, Jr. Two four-year full-support scholarships are already reserved at the BUSM for qualified black students entering in the fall of 1969.

DR. FREED (Continued)

for of them all, according to Dr. Freed, whose second experience this is as one of three accompanying physicians to the American team.

92 men and women participated this year from the U.S.A. — only one from New England, but Dr. Freed plans to change that — which took top honors, running neck and neck with Great Britain up to the last event. Israel took third honors. 750 top athletes from 29 countries competed in the 9-day games November 6-14, more than twice the previous highest participation in Tokyo. Opening in Jerusalem, the games closed with a moving ceremony on the Tel Aviv fairgrounds, in which Defence Minister of Israel, General Moshe Dayan, participated.

Dr. Freed accompanied more than 50 of the U.S. team members who were able to extend the trip for brief but unforgettable visits to Athens and Rome. Each team member was individually greeted by Pope Paul during his weekly audience in the Vatican, and each received a photograph of himself with the Pope.

Pictures right and below are of the 1969 graduating class of the Boston University School of Nursing during the course of a pleasant get-together buffet luncheon in the Evans 9 dining room on November 5, whose purpose was to introduce the seniors, nursing supervisors, members of the medical staff and administration of University Hospital to get better acquainted. At right, Personnel Director Martin Ames and a group, and below, John Lewis, Assistant Administrator, chats with the students.

DO NOT READ THIS

if you have no interest in advancing your career . . . (or in hearing about the imaginative and aggressive recruitment advertising of the University Hospital's Personnel Department!)

This provocative heading in the help wanted pages of Boston newspapers is one of several which have stimulated interest in applying for the wide range of jobs open to qualified candidates at our Hospital. An earlier theme in recruitment advertising was "You can hear us growing!" And during the late spring and summer the Personnel Department held open house two evenings a week. Coffee was served in a relaxed atmosphere, along with the chance to apply for specific jobs or just to talk about a career at the Hospital.

During the fall months Nicholas Locsin and Sabra Carl of the Personnel staff have travelled to several colleges throughout the Northeast to talk with seniors or senior nursing students.

Since it is an accepted truth that we are often best advertised by our loving friends, employees are reminded to check the available positions posted on the Evans 9 bulletin board. Friends and relatives may want to come in and talk about a Medical Center career.



BUMC BRIEFS

The Department of Otolaryngology presented a pioneering Course in the Surgical Anatomy of the Ear for ten visiting participants in late October. The two-day course, according to Dr. M. Stuart Strong, University Hospital Chief of Otolaryngology, "was offered for the specific purpose of demonstrating a new technique for use in the management of chronic ear infection designed for the eradication of disease and the maximal preservation of function."

The regular members of the department were assisted by Dr. Gordon Smyth, F.R.C.S., Chief of Otolaryngology, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, Ireland; and Dr. Claus Jansen, Chief of Otolaryngology, Municipal City Hospital, Gummersbach, West Germany, both of whom have contributed conspicuously to the development and perfection of this technique. (See photograph on this page.)

The ethical problems of abortion were discussed by students and faculty of local schools and colleges in an evening forum sponsored by Smith, Kline & French laboratories and held at Boston University's Hayden Hall, December 3.

The BUMC chapter of the Student American Medical Association conducted a two-hour discussion program moderated by Dr. David Charles, Chairman of Obstetrics and Gynecology. The forum started off with a ten-minute film discussion by a panel of national experts, introduced to the large audience by Robert S. Galen, President of SAMA at the School.

Anybody gotten a "Guten Tag" lately? It may have been a friendly greeting from one of the group of highly-skilled German technicians here from the famous firm of Siemens to calibrate the Betatron.

Dr. John S. Strauss of the Department of Dermatology, was honored by the New York University Medical Center, which invited him to deliver the Sigmund Pollitzer Lecture for '68-'69. The distinguished series deals with topics in or related to Dermatology and Syphilology and is presented by the New York institution on an annual basis.

Dr. Strauss' subject was "The Hormonal Control of Sebaceous Gland Function in Man."

Effective December 1st, until further notice, Anne Sweatt, formerly Supervisor of Robinson and Collamore 4, will serve as Acting Assistant Director for Nursing Service. Alice M. Fraser, Acting Director of Nursing since the retirement of Florence Flores, made the announcement.

Mrs. Carol Washington will replace Miss Sweatt on the Robinson and Collamore 4 units in the capacity of Acting Supervisor for the same period of time.

Dr. Isaac Asimov, Boston University's celebrated author, has just seen his 93rd book roll off the press . . . and hints that the 94th will not be far behind.

A member of the editorial board of the Medical Center publication SCOPE, Dr. Asimov took a gentle ribbing at a recent board meeting apropos an item by Book Editor Herbert A. Kenny of the *Boston Globe* which hosts an annual party for "book people." We quote the *Globe* for December 5: "The annual bash for book reviewers, local bookmen and authors was yesterday. . . . On the giving of books as opposed to writing or publishing or reviewing them, sci-fi specialist Isaac Asimov, a most candid gentleman, said: 'I do six books a year. You can find something for everyone. Give one, and buy one for yourself.'"

Title of the 93rd: "Asimov's Guide to the Bible: Old Testament."

Sidney Kibrick, M.D., Ph.D., Professor of Microbiology and Associate Professor of Medicine of the School; and Francis R. Comerford, M.B., an Instructor in Medicine of the BUSM, were featured speakers at a research conference of The Arthritis Foundation, held December 7-8, in Atlanta, Georgia.

They were two of a group of noted scientists from the United States and abroad invited to take part in this special meeting which dealt with latent virus infections and their relationship to human diseases, including rheumatic disease. Title of the conference was "Atypical Virus Infections—Possible Relevance to Animal Models and Rheumatic Disease." The conference presented the latest research results concerning newly recognized disease states in which viruses stay in the body and cause chronic problems rather than acute infectious illnesses, of a few days duration, such as the flu.

The School of Graduate Dentistry hosted a meeting of the New England Region of the Academy of General Dentistry—the largest such meeting yet held—in mid-November. The two-day program brought about 130 dentists here from all over New England and from New York State.

The teaching staff of a Course in the Surgical Anatomy of the Ear, directed by Dr. M. Stuart Strong (see BUMC BRIEFS above). Left to right: Dr. Geza J. Jako, Dr. Gordon Smyth, Dr. M. Stuart Strong, Dr. Claus Jansen and Dr. Charles W. Vaughn.



Reviewing the success of Project HELP (Hospital Employees Locating Positions) which was described in the November FRONT & CENTER, are l. to r.: Georgie W. Lunn, Personnel Director of the Children's Medical Center; Melvin H. King, Executive Director of the Urban League; Martin Ames, Personnel Director of University Hospital; and Geraldine Hamlin, Acting Director of on-the-job training center at the Urban League.

Welcome, William Germain!

Medical Center Director Lewis H. Rohrbach, in his own appreciative words, has been provided with a new right arm!

On November 1, William P. Germain assumed the duties of Executive Assistant to the Director of the Boston University Medical Center.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Rohrbach said, in part: "Mr. Germain comes to this position with a most relevant background. A native of California, he graduated from the University of San Francisco, later received an advanced degree in public administration from New York University. He has a number of years as hospital administrator and hospital consultant. Most recently administrator of the Roxbury Community Health Project, he came to the BUMC initially from the post of Executive Director of the Children's Rehabilitation Institute, Inc., which is affiliated with the Johns Hopkins University and Hospital."

"I am happy to have Mr. Germain aboard and am certain that you will find him a cooperative and resourceful colleague. His telephone extension is 6150."